ATM services in post offices

2537. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving the current postal services in the coming years in the field of money deposits and transactions;

(b) whether Government has decided to open ATM-Banks like services in post offices;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Department of Posts is extending computerization to more post offices for facilitating Post Office Savings Bank transactions.

(b) and (c) The proposal for providing of ATM facility is in a conceptual stage only.

ILD business by BSNL

2538. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Long Distance (ILD) business is a very complex and dynamic with settlement rates changing even on hourly basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ILD business tie-ups and contracts with multiple international parties and require great deal of skill and experience;

(c) if so, whether BSNL possess skills to enter ILD business and run operations efficiently; and

(d) if not, the reasons for entering ILD business by BSNL?